

To the Honorable the General Assembly, of the State of North Carolina,
The petition of Jane Mallorn of the County of Randolph
respectfully sheweth,

That in the Year 1777 your petitioner
entremarried with John Mallorn of the County of ~~Baldwin~~, that
altho' he did not treat your petitioner well she remained
with him constell about the Year 1782 when his abusive
treatment and dissipated habits became so intolerable that
your petitioner was compelled to separate herself from her
Husband and resort to her friends for protection & support
she having squandered away almost every thing they had
to subsist on — that during their cohabitation your
petitioner had six Children to her said Husband
which by her own industry and the assistance of her
friends she has raised and educated without any
assistance from her said Husband. That her said
Husband since the time of their separation has been
travelling about the Country without being of much benefit
to himself or any person else, that when he has been
sick as in distify your petitioner rendered him every
assistance and relief in her power; and altho' he has
not treated her with much attention as a Husband
yet as far as it was in her power your petitioner has
faithfully discharged her duty towards him.

Your petitioner further states that lately her step father
William Bell bequeathed to your petitioner a lifetime
right in a tract of land and also the use of five Negroes
slaves together with some other legacies for her support &
maintenance during life. Which estate was to descend to